

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A speed reducer comprising:

a housing;

an input shaft having at least one seal area including a seal journal with a plurality of rounded bumps, the input shaft being positioned through an input aperture in the housing;

an input seal disposed between the seal area of the input shaft and the input aperture in the housing to seal an internal environment of the housing from an external environment of the housing;

an output shaft having at least one output seal area including a seal journal having a plurality of rounded bumps disposed thereon, the output shaft passing through an output aperture in the housing; and

an output seal disposed between the output aperture in the housing and the output seal area to seal the internal environment of the housing from the external environment of the housing.

2.-8. (cancelled)

9. (currently amended) A shaft comprising:

a seal area including a seal journal; and

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